

SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2020 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Filings				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	275	235	-40	-14.5%
Civil Appeals	271	252	-19	-7.0%
Certifications	1	1	0	0%
Original Applications	14	12	-2	-14.3%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	10	4	-6	-60.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0	0	0%
Other	1	1	0	0%
Total	572	505	-67	-11.7%

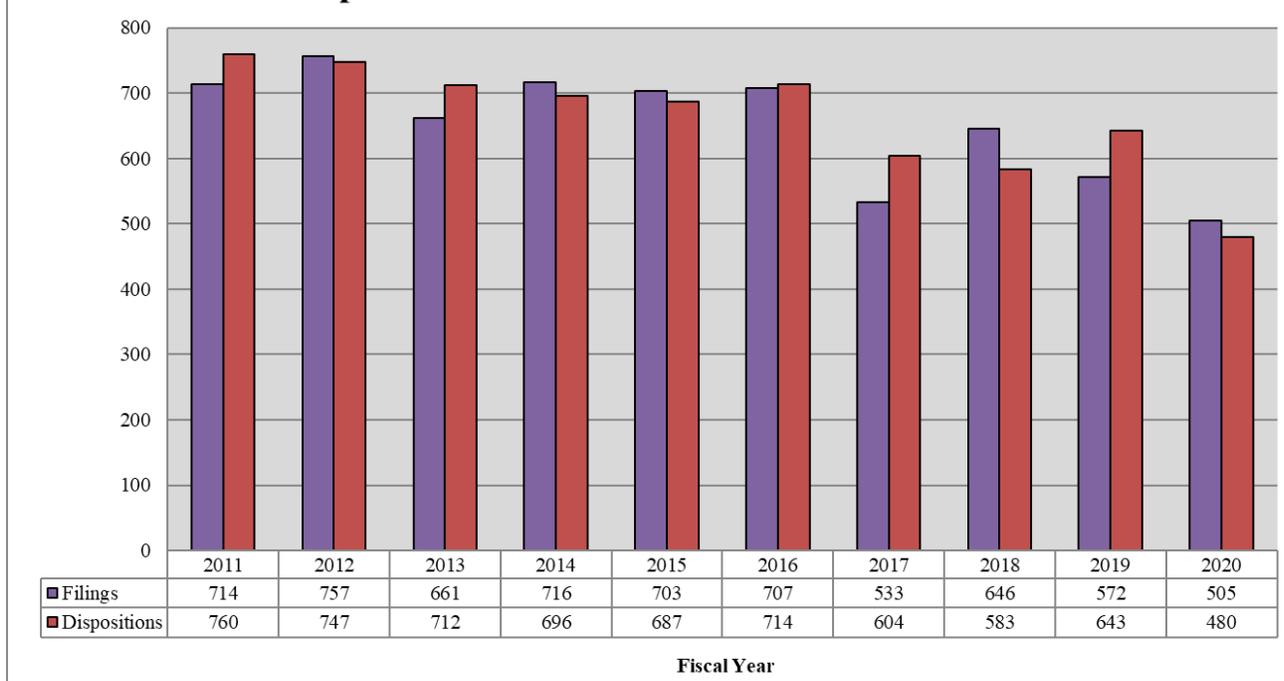
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Dispositions				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	332	229	-103	-31.0%
Civil Appeals	291	237	-54	-18.6%
Certifications	0	2	2	0%
Original Applications	11	13	2	18.2%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	8	7	-1	-13%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0	0	0%
Other	1	1	0	0%
Total	643	489	-154	-24.0%

Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility.

Bd. of Bar Exam. = Board of Bar Examiners.

Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

Supreme Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2020 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	235	100%	0	0%	0	0%	235	100%
Civil Appeals	78	31.0%	108	42.9%	66	26.2%	0	0%	252	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	18	100%	18	100%
Total	78	15.4%	343	67.9%	66	13.1%	18	3.6%	505	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2020 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	229	100%	0	0%	0	0%	229	100%
Civil Appeals	67	28.3%	96	40.5%	74	31.2%	0	0%	237	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	23	100%	23	100%
Total	67	13.7%	325	66.5%	74	15.1%	23	4.7%	489	100%

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

*Includes Original Applications; Certifications; Advisory Opinions; Appeals from the Board on Professional Responsibility and the Board of Bar Examiners; and Other Filing & Disposition Types.

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2020										
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal	
Criminal Appeals	159	69.4%	1	0.4%	8	3.5%	3	1.3%	12	5.2%
Civil Appeals & Other	126	48.5%	8	3.1%	18	6.9%	1	0.4%	26	10.0%
Total	285	58.3%	9	1.8%	26	5.3%	4	0.8%	38	7.8%
	Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other*				Total	
Criminal Appeals	45	19.7%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%			229	100%
Civil Appeals & Other	52	20.0%	20	7.7%	9	3.5%			260	100%
Total	97	19.8%	21	4.3%	9	1.8%			489	100%

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Methods of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2020						
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order	
Criminal Appeals	6	2.7%	4	2%	202	90.2%
Civil Appeals	31	13.2%	0	0%	179	76.2%
Certifications	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Original Applications	0	0%	0	0%	13	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0%	3	60%	2	40.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	39	8.1%	7	1%	396	82.5%
	Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	12	5.4%	0	0%	224	100%
Civil Appeals	25	10.6%	0	0%	235	100%
Certifications	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Original Applications	0	0%	0	0%	13	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0%	0	0%	5	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Other	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Total	38	7.9%	0	0%	480	100%

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Performance Summary - Fiscal Year 2020 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Criminal Appeals	224	167.2	days	39.7	days
Civil Appeals	235	185.8	days	32.8	days
Certifications	2	275.0	days	65.5	days
Original Applications	13	75.5	days	34.8	days
BPR	5	35.6	days	28.2	days
BBE	0	-	days	-	days
Advisory Opinions	0	-	days	-	days
Other	1	26.0	days	0.0	days
Total	480	174.9	days	35.1	days

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Average Time from Filing to Disposition						
	2019		2020		Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	173.1	days	167.2	days	-5.9 days	-3.4%
Civil Appeals	183.0	days	185.8	days	2.8 days	1.5%
Certifications	-	days	275.0	days	- days	-
Original Applications	52.0	days	75.5	days	23.5 days	45.1%
BPR	67.0	days	35.6	days	-31.4 days	-46.9%
BBE	-	days	-	days	- days	-
Advisory Opinions	-	days	-	days	- days	-
Other	25.0	days	26.0	days	1.0 days	4.0%
Total	172.9	days	174.9	days	2.0 days	1.2%

*Average time from date submitted for judicial decision to actual date of disposition. The time for a case that is submitted and disposed in the same day is zero. Not all Supreme Court cases require a judicial decision.

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Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2020 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Affirmed	285	211.7	days	44.2	days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	9	340.9	days	67.2	days
Reversed	26	290.8	days	56.6	days
Remanded	4	149.3	days	38.8	days
Voluntary Dismissal	38	104.8	days	1.9	days
Court Dismissal	97	84.7	days	17.1	days
Leave to Appeal Denied	21	33.9	days	14.2	days
Other	9	104.0	days	38.9	days
Total	489	174.9	days	35.1	days

Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2020 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Assigned Opinion	39	315.4	days	62.4	days
Per Curiam Opinion	7	240.9	days	61.1	days
Written Order	396	164.6	days	34.9	days
Voluntary Dismissal	38	106.5	days	1.9	days
Other	0	-	days	-	days
Total	480	176.7	days	35.1	days

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